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An Ordinance Providing for the Organization of Public and Separate Schools in the North-West Territories.

Be it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council as follows:

1. A "Public [or Separate] School District" shall be held to mean by this Ordinance any tract of land that shall have been declared by the Lieutenant-Governor as hereinafter provided to be such Public or Separate School District, and the inhabitants thereof shall be a body corporate and politic, for the purposes and with the powers and liabilities hereinafter specified.

2. For the purposes of this Ordinance, the word "Elector" shall mean any person who, within the district, has in his own right acquired possession of any land, and shall also include occupants and cultivators of unpatented Dominion lands, whether homesteaders or otherwise, and any person who has solely or as a joint tenant or tenant in common an unexpired lease of any certain parcel of land for at least one year.

PETITION FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT.

3. When the inhabitants of any portion or district of the North-West Territories, not exceeding in area thirty-six square miles, deem it advisable that such district should be erected into a Public School District, they may petition the Lieutenant-Governor for such erection.

4. Such petition shall set forth :

(1) The name, situation, limits and area of the proposed district;

(2) Whether situated within an organized Municipality or not;

(3) A description of the different legal sub-divisions of the land contained therein, as to area, value and title, and whether in the hands of residents or non-residents;

(4) The approximate value of the taxable property within such limits, if situated within the limits of an incorporated city or town, according to the method of assessment provided by the Ordinance Respecting Municipalities;

(5) The name of every elector of the district, specifying each, whether resident or non-resident, male or female, and whether Roman Catholic or otherwise;

(6) If the district is not in the form of a square, the reasons for its not being so.

5. The petition shall contain the signatures of at least two-thirds of the electors resident within the limits of the proposed district as desiring its erection into a School District, and must be accompanied by the affidavit (made before a Justice of the Peace resident within the limits of the district, or as near thereto as may be) of at least three of the parties whose names appear attached to the petition that the statements contained therein are true and that the petitioners have attached their names to the petition with a full knowledge of the contents thereof.

6. The petition must be accompanied by a sketch, plan or map of the proposed district, showing its boundaries and location.

7. On receipt of such petition, affidavits and plans, the Lieutenant-Governor shall cause to be inserted in the newspaper published nearest the proposed School District, a notice setting forth the limits of such district and stating that unless he receives within the space of nine weeks from the first appearance of such notice a petition against the erection of such district, signed by at least five electors of the proposed district and duly attested, as provided in the case of the original petition, he will at the end of that time declare the pro-

posed School District a Public (or Separate) District within the meaning of this Ordinance.

8. Such notice shall be published in such newspaper once a week during the eight weeks succeeding the first issue.

9. If no counter petition be presented as provided in Section 7, the Lieutenant-Governor shall at the end of the period named, proclaim the district a Public (or Separate) School District under this Ordinance, in accordance with the terms of the petition, with the name therein petitioned for, and such number as he may see fit.

10. If before the expiration of the term of the period mentioned, a counter petition, as provided in Section 7, has been presented, the Lieutenant-Governor shall not proclaim the School District at the time stated, but shall refer the matter to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, to be dealt with as to them may seem meet, and notice thereof shall be given in one issue of the newspaper in which the former notice was published.

VOTING AS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT.

11. Provided always that by any number of the resident electors of the district placing in the hands of the Lieutenant-Governor the sum of \$50, or such sum as he may deem sufficient to cover the expense, they shall be entitled to have a vote taken to decide whether the district shall be made a School District or not.

12. Such vote shall be taken under the authority of the Lieutenant-Governor, who shall appoint a Returning Officer from among the residents of the district, and issue to him the necessary writ or authority for taking a vote; he shall also issue to such Returning Officer at least twenty copies of a printed proclamation, to be posted by him in conspicuous places within the limits of the district, setting forth the proposed School District as a polling division for the purpose of taking a vote as to whether it shall be erected into a School District or not.

13. Such proclamation shall define the limits of the district, the qualifications of voters, the day, hour and place of polling, and the name of the returning officer; but the day and place of polling may be left blank, to be filled in by the Returning Officer, the day being not less than ten full days after the

posting of the proclamation, and the place being as convenient and suitable as may be procured by the Returning Officer.

14. The qualification of persons who may vote at such a poll is expressed in the following oath, which shall be administered by the Returning Officer to any person desiring to vote whose name does not appear on the voters' list, before allowing him to vote, and which he shall on demand of a scrutineer of either side, administer to any person whose name does appear upon such voters' list.

I, A. B., do solemnly swear that I am a *bona fide* elector within the limits of this polling division; that I am of the full age of twenty-one years; that I am not an alien or unenfranchised Indian; that I have not voted before at this polling, and that I have not received any reward, nor have I any expectation of receiving any reward for voting at this polling.

15. The Returning Officer shall prepare or cause to be prepared a voters' list showing the names of all the voters within the district according to the beforementioned qualification which shall be completed and posted up in at least five distinct conspicuous places within the district four days before the polling day, and such list shall be altered and amended by the Returning Officer according to reliable information which he may receive from time to time.

16. Two persons who have respectively voted yea and nay at the poll, shall be admitted to the polling booth by the Returning Officer to act as scrutineers and no more than two such persons shall be admitted at any one time.

17. The powers of the Returning Officer, the hours of voting, the method of taking the vote, administering the oath, marking the voters' list, summing up the votes, and attesting thereto at the close of the poll shall be similar to that provided in the case of elections to the Northwest Council.

18. As soon as the votes have been summed up the Returning Officer shall announce the result and also the time and place where he will appear to certify to the correctness of the return before a Justice of the Peace, such time being not more than three days after the day of polling and the place being within the district.

19. On appearing before the Justice of the Peace the Returning Officer shall place in the hands of such Justice the

poll books and last revised voters' list used by him at the poll and shall make affidavit which shall be inscribed on the poll book, that the election has been conducted throughout in the manner provided in this Ordinance (or with such exceptions as he shall mention) and that the returns contained therein are correct.

20. The Justice of the Peace shall then receive and record in writing any complaints that may be made under oath by any parties relative to the conduct of the election, and shall, assisted by two persons appointed respectively by the complainant and the Returning Officer, examine into such complaint.

21. The Justice of the Peace, or these three, as the case may be, shall then make out a report in writing over his or their own signatures in accordance with the facts and shall forward the same to the Lieutenant-Governor together with the poll book, voters' list, affidavit of the Returning Officer and complaints, if any have been made.

22. The Lieutenant-Governor on receipt of such report shall by proclamation erect the district, or otherwise as may be in accordance with the wish of a majority of the legally qualified voters of the polling division as expressed at the poll.

23. The necessary expense of taking the vote mentioned in the preceding sections shall be defrayed by the Lieutenant Governor out of the funds placed in his hands as hereinbefore mentioned, and if there remain any residue it shall be handed back to the parties from whom it was received together with a statement of the manner of the expenditure of the balance.

POWERS OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

24. The ratepayers of every School district that may be established under this Ordinance and their successors shall be a body corporate and politic under the name and number mentioned in the proclamation of its erection. It shall be represented by a board of three Trustees elected as hereinafter provided and its powers shall be exercised and its duties performed by such Board of Trustees.

25. A School District shall have power to

(1) Acquire real or personal property by purchase, donation,

devise or otherwise, and hold and enjoy or alienate the same for school purposes;

(2) Enter into contracts, transact business, bind and oblige itself and others to, itself within the limits of its functions;

(3) Sue and be sued in any cause or before any Court of Justice;

(4) Levy such taxation on the real and personal property within the district in the manner hereinafter provided as may be necessary for the discharge of the obligations entered into by the corporation or School District for school purposes;

(5) And generally exercise all the powers vested in it which are necessary for the maintenance of schools within the district.

PROCLAMATION.

26. The proclamation of the Lieutenant-Governor erecting any district into a School District shall set forth:

(1) The situation and limits thereof;

(2) The date and place at which the first nomination and election of Trustees shall be held, which may be filled in by the Returning Officer according to instructions of the Lieutenant-Governor;

(3) The hour (nine o'clock a. m.) at which the nominations shall close, and the hour (ten o'clock a. m.) at which the voting, if any be necessary, shall begin, with the hour (four o'clock p. m.) at which the poll will be closed, on the day of election;

(4) The qualifications of persons who shall be entitled to vote at the election, which shall be the same as provided in Section Fourteen of this Ordinance;

(5) The qualifications of persons who may be elected as Trustees, which shall be the same as required in the case of voters, with the addition that the candidate must be possessed of real or personal property to the amount of \$500, is not undergoing punishment for any criminal offense, is not insolvent, and in case of other than the first election, has no contract, either direct or indirect, present or prospective with the School District;

(6) The name of the Returning Officer to whom shall be sent the writ of election.

27 This proclamation shall be printed and posted up in at least ten public and conspicuous places throughout the district at least fourteen days before the day appointed therein for the nomination and election of Trustees.

28. Should the person appointed as Returning Officer refuse or neglect to act or act otherwise than in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance the Lieutenant-Governor may annul his appointment and appoint another Returning Officer, at the same time postponing the election until such time as he may see fit.

29. Nominations for the office of Trustee shall be made in writing by any two or more electors and placed in the hands of the Returning Officer at any time before nine o'clock in the forenoon of polling day.

30. The form of nomination shall be as follows :

We, the undersigned, affirm that we are duly qualified voters of School District No. _____ entitled to vote at the election of Trustees (or Trustee) now about to be held for this School District, and as such we hereby nominate (*here insert the name, residence, occupation or description of the person sufficiently to establish his identity*) as a candidate at the said election and we further affirm that the said (*naming the candidate*) is duly qualified to be nominated as a candidate at the said election and that he has consented to this nomination.

(Signatures or marks of electors with residence and occupation of each).

Affirmed and signed before me at
this _____ day of _____ 18 _____
(Signed) _____ A. B.,
J. P., or Returning Officer.

31. On receiving and accepting any nomination paper the Returning Officer shall mark thereon the hour and day on which he received it in the presence of the person who handed it to him or of one other witness.

32. If on receiving any nomination paper the Returning Officer shall see that there is any defect in the form thereof or that the person nominated is disqualified from holding the office, he shall at once notify the person from whom he received the paper of such defect, and the manner in which it may be rectified.

33. At the hour of nine o'clock in the forenoon of polling day, at the place appointed for the polling, the nominations shall be closed, and the Returning Officer shall publicly read the different nomination papers received by him in the order in which they were received.

34. Should there be only as many candidates nominated as there are offices to be filled, the Returning officer shall then and there declare such candidates duly elected.

35. Should a less number of candidates be nominated than there are offices to be filled (provided that at the first election there is at least one nominated) those nominated shall be declared elected by the Returning Officer, and he shall, from the duly qualified persons resident within the district, appoint, with their consent, as many persons as may be necessary to fill the remaining offices.

36. Should there be more nominations than there are offices to be filled, the Returning Officer shall call for a show of hands of those present whose names appear on the voters' list, in favor of the different candidates and shall record the number of votes cast for each candidate. He shall then ask if a poll be demanded, and if no poll is demanded by or on behalf of any of the candidates he shall forthwith declare the necessary number of candidates receiving the highest number of votes duly elected.

37. But if a poll be demanded, the Returning Officer shall at the hour and in the place appointed in the notice of election, open the poll and proceed to take and record the votes cast.

38. Every voter shall be entitled to cast as many votes as there are offices to be filled.

39. The candidates or an agent for each candidate to act as scrutineers (but no others) shall be allowed inside the polling booth with the Returning Officer.

40. The provisions of Section 17 of this Ordinance shall apply to all elections of Trustees under this Ordinance.

41. Immediately after the Returning Officer shall have stated the result of the election, he shall announce the time and place and before what Justice of the Peace, on the day following or such other day as soon thereafter as may be, the examination of the poll book and voters' list, if a vote has been taken, will be

made, all complaints in regard to the election heard and the duly elected candidate or candidates sworn in.

42. At the time and place appointed by the Returning Officer the Justice of the Peace so appointed shall in the presence of the candidates or their agents examine the poll book and voters' list.

43. If any complaint be made on oath before such Justice against the Returning Officer for irregularity or misconduct in holding the election, or against any candidate on the ground that he is not properly qualified or has used bribery or intimidation or that he has received illegal votes, the complainant shall appoint one person and the defendant shall appoint another, as arbitrators who shall sit with the Justice of the Peace and hear the evidence in the case, and the decision of the majority of these three shall be final and as follows :

(1) If it shall be found that the election has not been conducted in regular form, in essential particulars, and that injustice has thereby been done, it shall be declared void ;

(2) If any candidate be shown to be not properly qualified, or to have used bribery or intimidation to secure his election, his election shall be declared void ;

(3) If any vote shall be found to have been cast by a person not duly qualified to vote, or on account of bribery or intimidation, it shall be struck off the poll book.

44. After all the complaints have been heard and decided upon, and the corresponding alterations duly attested and entered in the poll book by the Board of Arbitrators, the votes (if any vote has been taken) for the different candidates shall be summed up and the candidates declared elected as follows :

(1) The one receiving the highest number of votes, either by polling or show of hands, as the case may be, or the one first nominated, if no vote has been taken, shall be elected to serve until the third Wednesday of the third January following the election ;

(2) The one receiving the second highest number of votes or second in the order of nomination, shall be elected to serve until the third Wednesday in the second January following the election ;

(3) The one receiving the third highest number of votes, or the third in the order of nomination, shall be elected to serve until the third Wednesday in the first January following the election;

(4) If through disqualification or resignation, it shall be found that a less number of candidates remain than there are trustees required, the Returning Officer shall appoint persons to fill such office, as provided in Section 35.

45. In case any two candidates are found to have received an equal number of votes, the Returning Officer shall give a casting vote.

46. Each candidate elect shall take the following oath of office before the Justice of the Peace before mentioned:

I, A. B., do solemnly swear that I will to the best of my ability honestly and faithfully discharge the duties devolving upon me as Trustee of School District No. during the term for which I have been elected in accordance with the terms of the Ordinances of the North-West Territories.

47. The Justice of the Peace shall grant to each Trustee a certificate of election in the following form:

I, A. B., one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the North-West Territories, having examined the poll books submitted to me by C. D., Returning Officer in the election of School Trustee for School District No. , held on the day of in the year of our Lord 18 , having heard all the complaints made in regard to such election, hereby declare *[give name, residence and occupation of person mentioned]* elected as School Trustee for the within mentioned School District, to hold office until Wednesday, the day of January, 18 , and hereby certify that he has this day taken before me the oath of office prescribed in Section 46 of the Ordinance respecting Schools of the North-West Territories.

Dated

(Signed) E. F.

48. A copy of this certificate, together with poll book, voters' list, complaints entered (if any), evidence taken and judgment given, and by whom, shall be forwarded by the Returning Officer to the Lieutenant-Governor, together with a certificate that the papers and records contained therein are correct and the ones relating to the election for which he was Returning Officer.

49. But if the election has been declared void, the Justice of the Peace shall take charge of and forward to the Lieutenant-Governor all the papers relating to the case, certified to by himself and the two Arbitrators who sat with him. The Lieuten-

ant-Governor shall thereupon order a new election and appoint another Returning Officer.

50. The expense of all elections ordered by the Lieutenant-Governor shall be defrayed out of the general revenue fund of the Northwest Territories, and shall be made a charge against the School District in whose behalf they were incurred, to be repaid within one year from the date of the election on account of which they were incurred.

51. The regular annual election of a School Trustee to fill the vacancy which occurs yearly under Section 44 of this Ordinance shall be held on the third Tuesday in January in each year, and other elections shall be held to fill vacancies that may occur in the Board of Trustees from time to time, from death, resignation (which is permitted), or disqualification. At all such elections the Chairman of the Board of Trustees shall act as Returning Officer, and the proceedings throughout shall be the same as prescribed in this Ordinance for the voting as to School Districts.

52. The qualification of voters at such subsequent elections is expressed in the following oath, which shall be used in lieu of the one prescribed in Section 14 of this Ordinance:

I, _____ do solemnly swear that I am a *bona fide* ratepayer of School District No. _____; that I have paid the taxes assessed against me on the last revised assessment roll; that I am of the full age of twenty-one years; that I am not an alien or unenfranchised Indian; that I have not voted before at this election, and that I have not received any reward either directly or indirectly, nor have I any hope of receiving any reward for voting at this election. So help me God.

TRUSTEES.

53. The duly elected Trustees of any School District shall exercise the powers of such district as specified in Section 25 of this Ordinance and the signatures of the chairman or acting chairman of the Board of Trustees and one other member of the Board attached to any document or documents, except debentures, provided the provisions of such document are not contrary to the letter or spirit of this Ordinance, shall be binding on the School District of which such are Trustees.

54. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum at all meetings.

55. That member of the Board of Trustees whose term of

office shall on his election consist of three terms shall in all cases be Chairman of the Board for the first of the three terms for which he was elected.

(1) Should the chairman at any time from any cause fail to attend to his duties as such then that Trustee whose term of office expires next before that of the chairman shall be acting chairman until the chairman resumes his duties or until his successor has been elected.

(2) In case the acting chairman fails to act, then the remaining Trustee shall be acting chairman until as provided in the preceding sub-section.

56. The chairman shall

(1) Call all meetings of the Board and Public School meetings and preside at such meetings;

(2) Have general supervision of the affairs of the district;

(3) Certify all accounts against the district before such accounts be paid by the Treasurer;

(4) Act as returning officer or appoint some other person to act as such at all elections that may be held or votes that may be taken during the period of his chairmanship.

57. The Board of Trustees at its first meeting in each year shall appoint one of its number Secretary, whose duty it shall be to

(1) Keep a minute of all the meetings of the Board;

(2) Answer all communications on school matters in such manner as he may be directed by the Board;

(3) Examine the records of the School kept by the teacher and see that they are correct;

(4) Forward to the Lieutenant-Governor from time to time the reports provided for in this Ordinance and give such other information in regard to the School District as may be desired from time to time by the Lieutenant-Governor or Board of Trustees.

(5) Have charge of and keep on record all the books

papers, accounts, assessment rolls and other matters committed to his charge by the Board of Trustees during his term of office and deliver the same to the Chairman of the Board on ceasing to hold office.

58. Should the Secretary at any time be unable to attend to his duties the chairman shall appoint some member of the Board to act as Secretary until the Secretary resumes his duties or until the Board sees fit to appoint another Secretary.

59. By motion of the Board one of the members thereof may, with his consent, be appointed Treasurer of the district for the whole or any part of the term for which he was elected to serve, but such treasurer shall receive no remuneration for his services, and the members of the Board shall individually and collectively be held responsible by virtue of their office for the safe keeping of all sums of money placed in such Treasurer's hands.

60. Should it be found inexpedient to appoint a member of the Board as Treasurer then the Board shall appoint a responsible resident of the district to be Treasurer during the pleasure of the Board at such rate of remuneration as may be agreed upon. Every such Treasurer shall, before entering upon his duties as such, give security to the School Trustees by a bond signed and acknowledged before a Magistrate, and such security shall be given by at least two solvent sureties jointly and severally to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees and to the amount of any moneys for which the Treasurer may at any time be responsible, whether arising from the school fund or from any particular contribution or donation paid into his hands for the support or benefit of the school, and such security shall be renewed at the beginning of each year, or renewed at other times or changed whenever renewal or change is required by the Board of Trustees.

61. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect, receive, and account for all school moneys whether from the Government or otherwise for the purpose of education within the district of which he is Treasurer, and the distributing of such moneys in the manner directed by the Board of Trustees, and he shall give and take receipts for all moneys so received and paid out by him, which he shall when called upon produce before the Board of School Trustees as also all moneys or accounts in his charge, and shall hand over the same to the Board of Trustees on his ceasing to hold office.

62. Should the Treasurer be at any time unable to attend to his duties the Secretary, if the Treasurer be a member of the Board, shall attend to such duties in his place, but if the Treasurer should not be a member of the Board then the Board shall appoint some person to attend to his duties, under the necessary bonds, and in the meantime the Board of Trustees shall be held to be the Treasurer of the district.

63. It shall be of the duties and within the powers of any Board of Trustees of any School District to

(1) Engage a school teacher on such terms as the Board may deem expedient.

(2) Procure a suitable building by purchase, lease or otherwise, for use as a school room, in as central a location and of as satisfactory a character as possible with, if expedient a play ground attached;

(3) Make such assessments on the real and personal property of the district and levy such taxes as may be necessary to defray the expenses authorized to be incurred in the preceding sub-sections, and all necessary expenses incurred in the election of Trustees, keeping the accounts or transacting the business of the district, and in furnishing the school-room with school material, furniture and firing;

(4) Inspect the school, see that proper instruction is given and dismiss the teacher or any of the pupils as they may deem advisable.

(5) See that true accounts both of the school and district are kept and that the affairs of the district generally are conducted in the manner provided in this Ordinance and with a due regard to efficiency and economy.

64. Any Trustee who shall

(1) Be absent from the district more than three months at any time;

(2) Fail to attend three consecutive meetings of the Board, the same having been duly called by written notice left at his home or place of business;

(3) Have become insolvent or convicted of any criminal offence;

(4) Knowingly falsify or cause or allow to be falsified assessment rolls, voters' lists, school returns, minutes of meetings or any of the records of the district, or who shall fail to deliver up such records when called upon by the Chairman or duly appointed Auditor;

(5) Misappropriate or cause to be misappropriated any of the funds or real or personal property of the district;

(6) Enter into or have any interest in any contract with the district for which money is to be paid or work done;

Shall thereby be disqualified from fulfilling the term of office for which he was elected and shall be liable to a fine not exceeding \$50.

65. Information under oath on any of the charges in the next preceding section may be laid before the Scipendary Magistrate or before any two Justices of the Peace for the Territories, resident in or near such district, if there be any near, who shall notify the person complained against to appear before him or them and answer to the complaint, and they shall take evidence under oath for and in behalf of both parties and if the defendant does not appear, or if the complaint be proven he or they shall forthwith declare the election of such Trustee void with such fine and costs of Court as they may deem sufficient and shall notify the Chairman of the Board to that effect, who shall thereupon give notice of an election to fill the vacancy thus created.

ASSESSMENT.

66. When a School District is situated within a municipality the Trustees shall, on or before the fifteenth day of September make a demand on the Council of the municipality for the sum required for school purposes for the then current year; but such sum shall in no case exceed an amount equal to five mills on the dollar according to the last revised assessment roll on the property liable to assessment in such school district.

67. If a School District be situated partly within two or more municipal corporations then the Board of Trustees shall make a demand upon each of such corporations for that proportion of the amount of money required by such School District, which may justly be demanded by such School District according to the amount of property situated within the limits of such Municipi-

pality. Roll of all such corporations may be used and the taxes collected and paid over by the different tax collectors in the same manner as though the district were situated in only one corporation.

68. If a School District be not situated within the limits of any municipal corporation, then the Trustees of such district shall themselves, or by means of an Assessor, make an assessment of the real and personal property within the district and inscribe the same upon an assessment roll in the form provided by the Lieutenant-Governor.

69. In making such assessment the Trustees or the Assessor shall be governed by Sections 43 to 49 both inclusive of the Ordinance respecting Municipalities, which are hereby made to apply to this Ordinance.

70. As soon as the assessment roll shall have been completed, the Board of Trustees or the Assessor shall notify in writing, by post or otherwise, every person whose name appears upon such roll and whose address is known as follows:

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. }
Month, day, year. }

SIR (OR MADAM).—

You are hereby notified that your name appears on the assessment roll of this School District for the present year as the owner (or lessee) of the following property: (Then give description of property and assessed value.) The Board of Trustees for the district will sit as a Court of Revision as follows: (Mention day, hour and place at which court shall be held), and if you consider that you have been wrongly assessed as above stated you will have an opportunity to make a statement of your case before the above court.

Take Notice that if you do not appear before this Court of Revision you will not be entitled to appeal from its decision to the District Court.

(Signed).....

Secretary Board of Trustees.

(or.....

Assessor School District No.)

To.....

71. The Board of Trustees shall cause to be posted up in at least ten conspicuous places within the district, a notice that the assessment roll of the district for the current year has been made up, and where it may be examined, also the times and places at which the Court of Revision will be held, with a notice that such parties as do not appear before the Court of Revision will not be

entitled to appeal from the decision of the Court of Revision to the District Court. Similar notices shall also be published in the newspaper nearest the School District for at least two issues of the paper.

72. The Board of Trustees of any School District shall sit as a Court of Revision; the sittings of the court shall be held on not less than five days out of the twenty days immediately following the first issue of the public notice of the sitting of the court, and the last sitting shall be on the twentieth day after the issue of such notice.

73. Such Court of Revision shall have power to take evidence under oath, if necessary, either on behalf of the appellant or the School District, and shall alter or amend the assessment roll as to them shall seem to be in accordance with what is just and right.

74. If a person be dissatisfied with the decision of the Court of Revision he may appeal therefrom by entering a notice to that effect with the Clerk of the District Court for the division in which the School District is situated, and by depositing with the Clerk of the Court the costs of such appeal. Such notice of appeal must be entered within four days after the close of the Court of Revision for the School District. The Clerk shall forthwith issue an ordinary summons returnable at the then next court sittings in the division in which such district lies, making the Trustees defendants, and cause a copy with the notice of appeal attached to be issued on the Secretary of the School Board.

75. The Trustees of the School District shall make out an estimate of the probable expenditure of the district for the current year, and shall strike such rate of assessment on the assessed value of the property, both real and personal, within the district as shall be sufficient to meet such probable expenditure, making due allowance for all charges and probable loss in collection.

76. Such rate shall not be struck until after the sitting of the Court of Revision, and in case of any appeals having been made to the District Court the rate shall not be struck until after the sittings of the Court to which such cases were appealed, provided a sitting of the said Court be held within sixty days after the close of the Court of Revision.

COLLECTION.

77. The Board of Trustees shall cause to be made out a collector's roll for the School District, on which shall be set down the name of every person assessed, the assessed value of his real and personal property and the amount with which such person is chargeable according to the rate of taxation struck in respect of sums ordered to be levied by the Board of Trustees, with any other particulars that may be necessary, and such roll shall be placed in the hands of the Treasurer for collection.

78. As soon as the Treasurer shall have received the collector's roll he shall remit or cause to be remitted by mail or otherwise to each person whose name appears upon it as assessed for taxes a notice in the following form:

School District, No. Month, Day, Year.

Sir (or Madam),—You are hereby notified that you are assessed on the assessment roll of this district for the following properties (here give description and assessed value) the taxes on which at the rate of _____ on the dollar amounts to _____ (here mention amount). If the above amount is not paid to the undersigned within thirty days from the date of this notice, action to recover, as provided by law, will be taken.

.....
Treasurer, School District No. _____

To.....

79. The Treasurer shall also advertise in the newspaper published nearest the district that taxes due such district must be paid to him within thirty days, or shall cause printed notices to that effect to be posted within the district.

80. The Treasurer shall give receipts on behalf of the School District for all taxes paid to him, and shall enter the fact of such payment having been made, with the date of payment on the collector's roll.

81. As soon as judgment has been given in the cases of assessment appealed to the District Court the Trustees shall alter, amend, or erase from the assessment and Collector's rolls in accordance with such decision, and the Treasurer may proceed to the collection of all such taxes without notice.

82. The Treasurer shall notify the Board of Trustees from time to time of the persons who fail to pay the taxes assessed against them, and the Board of Trustees shall take, or authorise

to be taken, such action for the collection of such taxes as is provided in sections 77 to 87 both inclusive of the Municipalities Ordinance for the North-West Territories, which are hereby made to apply to this Ordinance.

83. The tenant or occupant, other than the owner, of any land situated within the limits of any organized School District, may elect to pay the amount of taxes for which he is assessed, on any personal property that he may have, to an adjoining or adjacent School District, provided such district is of the class—either public or separate—different from the one in which the land of which he is the occupant is situated, at any time after the assessment is made, and before the last sitting of the Court of Revision of the district; and he shall notify the assessor of the district in which he is assessed to that effect, and the assessor shall thereupon note in the assessment roll the fact of such notice having been received.

84. An abstract from the assessment and collector's rolls of the district to which such person has elected to pay his assessment, showing that he has been assessed in that district for the property, the assessment of which he desired to have made therein, and has paid the taxes assessed thereon, according to the rate levied by that district for the year, accompanied by the affidavit in regular form of the Assessor and Collector of such district, that the before mentioned abstract is correct, shall be held to be evidence that he has paid his taxes to that district, and he shall then not be liable for taxes to the district within the limits of which the land of which he is the occupant is situated, but if the before-mentioned abstracts be not produced with the affidavits required within thirty days from the first demand made by the Treasurer of the district within which the land occupied by him lies, he shall pay the taxes assessed against him on the assessment and Collector's rolls of that district to the Collector thereof, and on producing proof of such payment in the manner provided in the preceding portion of this section, he shall be relieved from paying the taxes assessed against him by the district to which he elected to pay his taxes in regard to the personal property hereinbefore mentioned.

TEACHER.

85. As soon as possible after the first election of Trustees in any School District, and at such other times as may be expedient, the Trustees shall engage a suitable person as School Teacher

for such term, not being more than one year, and at such salary as may be mutually agreed upon.

86. It shall be the duty of the teacher to

- (1) Preside over and preserve order in the school ;
- (2) ~~Teach from such and only such books as may be ordered~~ or permitted by the Trustees or by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council;
- (3) Hold a public examination of the classes in the school at least once in six months, or otherwise as directed by the Trustees ;
- (4) Admit Trustees, parents of children attending, or rate-payers of the district, to the school-room at such times as the Trustees may desire ;
- (5) Report to the Trustees from time to time on the necessities of the school and behaviour of the children attending it ;
- (6) Punish children for misbehaviour, inattendance or disobedience, in such manner as the Trustees may permit or direct
- (7) Keep a true register of the school according to the forms supplied by the Lieutenant-Governor, and make such returns as may be required by the Trustees or the Lieutenant-Governor in Council under this Ordinance.

AID TO SCHOOLS.

87. Every School District organized under this Ordinance shall receive aid from The General Revenue Fund of the Territories of the amount and in manner as follows, provided that such funds be voted for such purpose from time to time by the North-West Council.

88. The Teacher of such Public School District shall at the close of each quarter, that is at the ends of March, June, September and December, forward to the Lieutenant-Governor a copy of the school register for such quarter, showing—

- (1) The days on which school was held during the quarter ;
- (2) The attendance of children for each day, with the number of males and females ;

(3) The amount of the teacher's salary for that quarter.

89. This statement shall be signed by the teacher and certified as correct by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and shall be accompanied by a receipt of the school teacher to the Board of Trustees of the District for one-half of the amount of the salary payable to the teacher for that quarter. Such receipt shall be *prima facie* evidence of payment of such salary and may be produced as such in any court of law.

90. If it shall appear from such return that the average attendance at such school for the days on which it was kept open has been ten scholars or over, then the Lieutenant-Governor shall cause to be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees for the district an amount equal to that paid by the Trustees to the teacher to be paid over to the teacher, and the Treasurer shall take a receipt from the teacher on payment of the amount to him, which receipt shall be transmitted to the Lieutenant-Governor.

91. In case of a teacher becoming unfitted for duty by sickness, the Trustees may, at the end of the then current quarter, discharge such teacher by paying him up in full to the end of that quarter, and on the quarterly return being forwarded to the Lieutenant-Governor, in the manner provided in Section 88 of this Ordinance, with a statement of the circumstances of the case, he shall cause to be paid to such teacher the sum of money to which he would have been entitled had the school been kept open regularly and the average daily attendance been greater than ten.

92. If a teacher be engaged for a less term than three months or at a less salary than at the rate of \$300 a year, or at a greater salary than at the rate of \$800 a year, or if the provisions of this Ordinance are not complied with by any School District, then the district employing such teacher, or otherwise not complying with the terms of this Ordinance, shall not be entitled to receive aid as provided in the preceding Sections of this Ordinance.

INCURRING DEBT.

93. Should it appear desirable to the Board of Trustees of any School District that a sum of money should be borrowed upon the security of the district for the erection, purchase or improvement of a school building or buildings for the district, or for the

purchase or improvement of sites for such school building or buildings, or for the purchase of suitable play grounds for the children attending the school or schools of the district, they shall before proceeding to borrow such sum of money, receive the sanction of a majority of the ratepayers of the district, by taking a vote thereon as hereinafter provided.

94. The Board of Trustees shall give notice of the polling to take place by printed posters displayed in at least twenty conspicuous places throughout the district, at least twenty days before the polling, and by advertisement for the same length of time, once each week, in the newspaper published nearest the school district.

95. The notice of polling shall set forth—

- (1) The sum of money which it is desired to borrow;
- (2) The term for which it is to be borrowed;
- (3) The rate of interest to be paid;
- (4) The purpose or purposes for which the money is to be expended, and the amount to be expended upon each;
- (5) The rate of taxation which it will be necessary to levy on the assessable property of the district according to the last finally revised assessment roll, in order to pay the principal and interest necessary to be paid on such loan, in accordance with the terms on which it is to be contracted, such terms being within the limitations provided by Section 103 of this Ordinance;
- (6) The place, day and hours of voting, the hours in all cases being from ten o'clock a. m. until four o'clock p. m.;
- (7) The qualifications of voters, which shall be the same as provided in Section 14 of this Ordinance.

96. A certified copy of the notice of polling shall be furnished to the Lieutenant-Governor by the Chairman of the Board.

97. The Chairman of the Board of Trustees shall be Returning Officer, and shall make up a voters' list as provided in Section 15 of this Ordinance.

98. The method of taking the vote, administering the oath, and conducting the polling, shall be as provided in Section 17 of

this Ordinance, but the poll shall be kept open during the whole of the hours of polling.

99. Scrutineers shall act as provided in Section 16 of this Ordinance.

100. The poll shall be closed and the first summing up and the final recount of votes made in accordance with Section 17 of this Ordinance.

101. The Lieutenant-Governor, on satisfying himself from the evidence submitted to him as hereinbefore provided that the vote has been properly taken, shall in writing empower the Board of Trustees to borrow the sum or sums of money mentioned in the notice of polling, or the contrary, according to the expressed wish of the majority of the legally qualified voters of the district.

102. Provided that if it shall appear to the Lieutenant-Governor that any School District desiring the power of borrowing money is not in a condition to repay such money at the time and in the manner set forth in the notice of polling, he may withhold his sanction of the borrowing of such money from such School District although a majority of the ratepayers may have voted in favor of it, and shall refer the matter to the consideration of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

103. All money borrowed under this Ordinance shall be borrowed by debenture.

(1) The total face value of the debentures issued shall not be for a greater sum than one tenth of the total assessed value of the real and personal property within the district according to the last finally revised assessment roll of the district.

(2) Debentures shall not run for a longer term than ten years, and shall be redeemable in equal annual annual installments,

(3) Debentures shall be of the form following:

(4) The Treasurer of the School District shall keep a register giving the names of all persons who may have purchased any of the debentures of such district and the coupons thereof, with the time of purchase of such debentures, and on any sale of such debentures or coupons to other parties being reported to

him by the buyer and seller of such debentures or coupons with a request for registration, he shall register the date and circumstances of such transfer.

104. The Trustees of any School District having received notice from the Lieutenant-Governor, authorizing them to contract a loan as hereinbefore provided, shall issue debentures therefor in the form set forth in sub-section (3) of the next preceding section to secure the amount of the principal and interest of such loan upon the terms specified in the notices of polling before mentioned, and said debentures and the coupons thereof shall be sufficient when signed by two of the Trustees of the district and countersigned by the Lieutenant-Governor to bind such School District, and to create a charge or lien against all school property and rates in the School District for which such loan is made.

105. All debentures shall, on redemption, be transmitted to the Lieutenant-Governor by the Board of Trustees for registration and cancellation by destruction.

SCHOOL MEETINGS.

106. A meeting of the ratepayers of every Public School District shall be called by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the first Tuesday in January in each year, or such other day, not later than the Saturday following, as may be expedient, by public notice, giving the day, place and hour of meeting, and such notice shall be posted in ten conspicuous places within the district one week before the day for which the meeting is called.

107. The Chairman of the Board of Trustees shall be Chairman of the meeting, and the meeting shall elect a Secretary, who shall record the minutes thereof.

108. There shall at such meeting be submitted in writing by the Board of Trustees and read to the meeting :

(a) By the Secretary thereof, a statement by the teacher and signed by him, giving the following particulars :

(1) The number of days on which school was kept open during the year succeeding the last annual meeting.

(2) The total number of children attending school during

that period, specifying the number of males and females respectively;

(3) The average age of the children attending school.

(4) The religious faith professed by the children, or their parents on behalf of the children;

(5) The average daily attendance throughout the year.

(6) The branches of education taught in the school and the number of children studying each;

(7) The number of dismissals of scholars for misbehaviour or other causes;

(8) Such general remarks as to the progress and well being of the school as he may desire to make.

(b) By the Secretary of the Board of Trustees and signed by him, a statement showing :

(1) The names of the Trustees for the year, with the term of office which each has yet to fill;

(2) The vacancies created in the Board during the year, if any giving the reasons therefor and method thereof, with an account of the elections held to fill such vacancies and the results thereof;

(3) The engagements entered into during the year by the Board, as well as an account of those entailed upon them by their predecessors;

(4) The amount of assessable property in the district according to the last finally revised assessment roll;

(5) The appeals against assessment made to the District Court, and the results of such appeals;

(6) The times of holding regular meetings of the Board of Trustees during the year, and the resolutions adopted at such meetings, with such particulars of the minutes as may be demanded by any ratepayer present;

(7) Particulars of the real and personal property held by the district;

(c.) By the Treasurer of the district, and signed by himself;

(1) The amount of money received by the district from all sources during the year, with particulars;

(2) The amount of money due the district from all sources, with particulars;

(3) The amount of money paid out by the district during the year, with the particulars of payment;

(4) The amount, if any, due by the district, to whom due and the terms and time of payment.

109. By the Board of Trustees, and signed by the Chairman, such statement in regard to the past, present and future of the district as they may deem sufficient.

110. The Board of Trustees, or the members thereof, shall answer any questions that may be asked by any ratepayer present, which questions and answers shall be recorded by the Secretary in the minutes of the meeting, if required to do so by any ratepayer.

111. A majority of the ratepayers present at the meeting shall elect a competent person to audit the accounts of the district and the reports submitted by the Board of Trustees.

112. The Secretary of the meeting shall, before its close, read the minutes aloud for approval or otherwise, and such minutes shall form part of the yearly report and be placed at once in the hands of the Auditor with the reports submitted by the Board of Trustees.

113. The Auditor elected as hereinbefore provided shall have access to all the records of the School District in whose hands soever they may be, and he shall compare them with the reports submitted by the Board of Trustees to the school meeting, and with the minutes of the school meeting taken by the Secretary thereof, and if he shall find from such comparison that the reports submitted are correct and the statements recorded in the minutes are not belied by the records, he shall proceed before the Justice of the Peace with the reports beforementioned and shall make affidavit as follows before such Justice, which affidavit shall be attached to the reports:

I, A. B., make oath and say that I was duly appointed Auditor of the

reports and accounts of School District No. for the year 18 at the regular annual school meeting of the said district and have examined the reports made to the said meeting and carefully compared them with the records of the School District.

I find that the reports are correct throughout and correspond with the records of the district.

Sworn before me

Auditor.

C. D.,
One of Her Majesty's J. P's in and
for the N. W. T.

114. If the Auditor shall find that the reports are incorrect in any particular he shall proceed as before except that the latter paragraph of the affidavit made by him shall read :

I find that the reports are incorrect in the following particulars (then specify particulars).

115. When the Auditor shall have made affidavit as to the reports he shall cause them to be posted to the Lieutenant-Governor without delay.

116. If the report is certified to as correct the Lieutenant-Governor shall cause a copy thereof throughout, excepting the minutes of the school meeting which may be omitted at will, for the purpose of being kept on record and shall transmit the original to the Board of Trustees of the district which made the report.

117. If the report is certified to as incorrect the Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall take such action as may be deemed advisable in the matter.

SEPARATE SCHOOLS.

118. In accordance with the provisions of Section Ten of "The North-West Territories Act, 1880" providing for the establishment of Separate Schools it shall be lawful for any number of property holders resident within the limits of any Public School District or within two or more adjoining Public School Districts or some of whom are within the limits of an organized School District and others on adjacent land not included within such limits to be erected into a Separate School District by proclamation of the Lieutenant-Governor with the same rights, powers, privileges, liabilities and method of government throughout as hereinbefore provided in the case of Public School Districts.

119. Such Separate School District shall be erected on petition certified to as hereinbefore provided in the case of Public Schools, of all the Electors whose holdings shall be included within the limits of the proposed district.

120. The petition for the erection of a Separate School District shall state in addition to the particulars mentioned in Section 4 of this Ordinance :

(1) Whether the petition is for the organization of a Protestant or Catholic Separate School District ;

(2) The description in detail of the land held by each petitioner, its area, assessed value or probable assessable value if outside the limits of a Municipality, its situation in regard to present organized School Districts as well as Dominion Lands surveys and natural boundaries ;

(3) The number of children of school age resident within and adjacent to the proposed district of the religious faith of the petitioners who would probably attend such school.

121. Upon the receipt of such petition in due form, the Lieutenant-Governor shall, if there be no impediment requiring the consideration of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, issue a proclamation erecting such Separate School District and order the first election of Trustees in the same manner as provided in the case of Public School Districts.

122. The Lieutenant-Governor shall at the same time notify in writing the Board of Trustees of any Public School District that may include the whole or any part of such Separate School District within its limits of the fact of the erection of such Separate School District and of the lands of such Separate School District having been withdrawn from such Public School District.

123. Any land and personal property thereon set apart as a Separate School District shall be assessable by the Public School District within whose organized limits it is situated for the purpose of paying off any debenture indebtedness that may have been incurred during the time that such land was included as a part of such Public School District in the same manner and time and at the same rates as the remaining portion of such Public School District may be assessed to pay off such indebtedness, but for no other purpose whatever.

124. Upon the election of the first Board of School Trustees of any Separate School District they shall make a demand upon the Trustees of the Public School District or Districts within whose limits such Separate School District or any portion thereof was originally situated for a sum of money equal to the equitable share of the ratepayers of such Separate School District in any land, building, or other property, whether real or personal, held by such School District, such share to be computed in proportion to the amounts from time to time paid into the funds of such Public School District on account of the real and personal property included within the limits of such Separate School District.

125. If such claim be not settled to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees of such Separate School District, they may enter an action to recover the amount claimed in any court of competent jurisdiction within the limits of which such Separate School District or any part thereof may be situated.

DIVISIONS OF AND ADDITIONS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

126. Any Public School District may be divided into any two or more parts by proclamation of the Lieutenant-Governor, as in the case of a Separate School District on recommendation of the Board of Trustees of the district after he shall have been satisfied that a vote has been taken on the question in the manner provided in the case of a School District authorizing the issuing of a debenture indebtedness, and that the majority of duly qualified votes cast have been in favor of such division being made.

127. The method of the erection of the divisions of such Public School District into Public School Districts, shall be the same as provided in the case of Separate Schools, and the provisions of this Ordinance relating therewith shall apply as in the case of Separate Schools.

128. Any two or more Public or Separate School Districts may be united in one Public or Separate School District by proclamation of the Lieutenant-Governor in the same manner as that provided for the division of Public School Districts, and all the real and personal property held by all the districts shall thereby become the property of the united district.

129. The owner of any land situated outside the limits of any School District may have it included in an adjoining or adjacent School District, whether Public or Separate, on petitioning

the Lieutenant-Governor to that effect; such petition must be accompanied by the certificate of the Registrar of the Registration District within which such property is situated that the petitioner is the owner of the property specified in the petition. also the consent in writing of the Board of Trustees of the School District to which it is desired to add the property.

130. The Lieutenant-Governor on receiving a petition to the effect and in the form and substance mentioned in the next preceding section of this Ordinance shall announce the additions or changes that have been made, stating in particular the ownership and assessed value of the property affected, by proclamation in the newspaper published nearest the School District or Districts affected; he shall also notify in writing the petitioner and the Board or Boards of Trustees of the district or districts that have been affected by the changes that have been made.

131. Parties petitioning for the organization of Separate School Districts or for any addition or change in the area or limits of any School District or Districts as hereinbefore provided, shall accompany such petition with such sum of money as may be deemed sufficient by the Lieutenant-Governor to pay the necessary expenses connected with the changes petitioned for before they can require their petition to be considered.

PENALTIES.

132. Any School Trustee, officer or employee of a School District who, after his ceasing to hold office, detains any book, paper or thing belonging to the School District, shall thereby incur a penalty of not less than Five Dollars nor more than One Hundred Dollars, for each day during which he wrongfully retains possession of such books, paper or thing after having received notice in writing from the chairman of the Board of Trustees or from the Lieutenant-Governor requiring him to deposit the same in the hands of some person mentioned in such notice.

133. If a Trustee or any other officer or employee of a School District knowingly sign any false school report, school register, assessment or collector's roll, notice of meetings or elections, or receipts for money on account of the School District, or certificate or other statement as provided in this Ordinance, or shall knowingly falsify any of the above he shall for each offense forfeit a sum not exceeding One Hundred Dollars.

134. Should the Trustees of any School District wilfully contract liabilities in the name of the district greater or other than as provided in this Ordinance or appropriate any of the moneys of the School District for purposes other than is provided in this Ordinance, the School District through its proper officers or the Lieutenant-Governor on its behalf may recover from such Trustees, jointly or severally, the sum or sums for which the district has been rendered liable through the action of such Trustees over and above the amount provided in this Ordinance, in addition to the total amount of any moneys that have been misappropriated by such Trustees.

135. All prosecutions under the preceding sections of this Ordinance may be instituted by any ratepayer of the School District affected, or by the Lieutenant-Governor, in any court having jurisdiction within the limits of such School District.

136. Any School District which fails to

(1) Employ a duly qualified teacher at a salary of not less than \$300 a year for at least three months in every full year after organization;

(2) Elect and keep in office a duly qualified Board of Trustees;

(3) Pay at the time and the manner agreed upon any debentures that may have been lawfully issued by such School District;

Shall upon complaint thereof being made and the fact established before a Stipendary Magistrate and a certificate thereof having been received by the Lieutenant-Governor, be proclaimed by the Lieutenant-Governor to be disorganized.

137. Upon such proclamation being made the Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall thereupon become invested with all the powers of School Trustees of such district, to conduct the affairs thereof, and shall deal with and if necessary wind up the affairs of such district as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may deem just and expedient.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

138. The fiscal school year shall be held to commence on the first Tuesday in January of each year, and all accounts opened

during the preceding fiscal year shall if possible be closed at that date.

139. No fee shall be charged by any School District for any children resident within the limits of such district on account of attending the the school thereof; but a rate not exceeding five cents per day payable in advance may be charged on any children resident outside the limits of such district whose parents or guardians are not ratepayers of such district.

140. School hours shall be held to be the hours between nine o'clock and twelve o'clock in the forenoon and one o'clock and four o'clock in the afternoon of every day in the year not including Saturdays, Sundays, statutory holidays, the two weeks following the 23rd December in each year, the ten days following the Thursday before Easter, summer holidays (not exceeding four weeks) during the months of August or September, as may be directed by the Trustees, and any other holidays that may be permitted by the Board of Trustees.

141. All monies accruing from fines under this Ordinance shall belong to the General Revenue Fund of the Northwest Territories.

142. The Lieutenant-Governor shall cause to be kept a register book in which shall appear in regard to each school district,

- (1) The date at which it was erected;
- (2) The name and number thereof and whether Public or Separate;
- (3) The limits, area, situation and general description thereof, according to the plan or map of such district originally submitted to the Lieutenant-Governor;
- (4) A certified copy of the original plan;
- (5) The alterations, if any, that have been made, in its limits, with the date thereof;
- (6) Such alterations shown on the copy of the original plan;
- (7) The debenture indebtedness that may have been incurred from time to time, with the cancellation thereof when such has taken place;

(8) In cases in which the affairs of the district have been dealt with directly by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, the circumstances attendant thereon.

143. The Lieutenant-Governor shall cause to be kept a book for the registration of debentures, in which shall appear :

(1) The name and number of each School District issuing debentures ;

(2) The amount of debenture indebtedness incurred by such district from time to time ;

(3) The purposes for which the indebtedness was incurred, with particulars of the amount required for each specific purpose ;

(4) The date of the countersigning of each debenture by the Lieutenant-Governor, with particulars as to amount, rate of interest, and manner, place and time of payment ;

(5) The date of redemption of each such debenture ;

(6) The date and manner of destruction of each such debenture by order of the Lieutenant-Governor, with the names of a witness to such destruction.

144. The Lieutenant-Governor shall cause to be printed or procured a sufficient number of blank forms, such as those requiring to be filled in case of applications for the erection of a School District, notices of elections of Trustees, notices of Public School meetings, notices of polling for the purpose of sanctioning the issue of debentures by a School District, or the division of a Public School District into two or more School Districts, quarterly registers for the use of schools, blank forms for the use of teachers and Trustees sending in the reports provided for in this Ordinance, assessment rolls, tax collector's rolls, assessment notices, tax notices, notices for holding Courts of Revision, blank debentures, and all other forms provided to be used in this Ordinance, and shall furnish such blanks to the Trustees of School Districts making application therefor at as nearly cost price as may be, and shall keep supplies of all these forms, except debentures, for sale to Boards of School Trustees in the hands of responsible parties in each of the principal settlements throughout the Territories.

145. This Ordinance may be cited as the "School Ordinance of 1883."